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The production of hunting guns is being discontinued; 30-round sub-machine guns will be manufactured instead. Various armament parts, manufactured at this plant, are being sent to Prague for assembly and from there to Greece under false customs declarations. *

2. Brno Arms Factory, National Corporation, Brno (Zbrojovka Brno, narodni podnik), Plant at Vsetin (P50/O 43) * *

This plant is producing ammunition, sewing machines and tools of all descriptions. The daily production target for 13 mm shells is 10,000 rounds, but of this amount only 7,000 are turned out daily. Tombac (an alloy of copper) is being extracted from old German ammunition, because of the lack of this metal. In December 1948, 80 sewing machines were assembled daily. At present, only 40 are being assembled daily because of a shortage of cast iron.

Stock Records of Drills (drill-bits) as of 19 April 1949:

Nomenclature	Amount
Cylinder-drills(sic) Ø 0.8 - 20 mm	2,637,544 each
Conical drills*** Ø 2.0 - 50 mm	111,974 each
Cylinder-drills for brass, copper and aluminum Ø 1.0 - 15 mm	82,367 each
TOTAL	2,831,885 each

Production Capacity: 600,000 drills per month; of this number 40,000 are conical drills.

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only one more month's production.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: Another source reports the construction of a new armament workshop at Ufersky Brod to employ 6,000 workers. (Info: 19 May 1949)

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